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Big line to select from. We have one pattern of 15c, good 20c, which we will close out at once, by the roll of 10c. Another 25c pattern, extra value, at 18c.

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OUR BIG VALUE—6 feet 3 inches long and 30 inches wide, covered in fine ribbed velvet and fringed to the ends. \$22.00
Sergeant's Spanish Couch—30 inches wide, 6 feet 3 inches long and fringed to the ends. Good \$30 value. Price \$19.00

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The best we can buy. Solid ash, polished finish, bronze trimmings, patent drip cup, charcoal strainers, cases are hand-painted, and we guarantee them in every respect. Over 50 different styles.
Refrigerators free with every purchase of Refrigerator.

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ALL GO-CARTS. Our line is unsurpassed in this city. We carry the goods from three of the best manufacturers in the country, and show you all grades, from the cheapest up to the most elaborate. A handsome carriage, choice of wood or steel wheels. \$3.95

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Solid oak, cane seat, embossed back; turned spindles and legs. A regular \$1.25. 75c.

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Slit oak-top, closed, measures 32x42 inches—open to full 6 feet—eased legs. Is good value at \$8. Price \$5.50

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Solid oak, bevel panel mirror, serpentine tops, four-drawer dresser, English enamel; a regular \$30 suite. Price \$17.50
Solid oak, bevel panel mirror. Worth \$18. Our price \$12.50

Parlor Suites.

Full mahogany style, pieces, covered in best quality brocade, deep fringe and a strictly \$70 suite. Price \$45.00
New designs, mahogany finish, 5 pieces, covered in American damask. A suite you will pay \$75 for in any other store. \$14.00 in this city.

HOUSE & HERRMANN, Liberal Furnishers, Seventh and I Streets Northwest.

VOINATIONS CONFIRMED.

FUNDS FOR AN INVASION.

Favorable Action by the Senate on Presidential Selections.

The Senate, in executive session, late yesterday afternoon confirmed the following nominations:
Military—Brigadier General: James R. Wadsworth of Texas, Nelson Cole of Missouri and William C. Oates of Alabama.

To be assistant adjutant general, with rank of major: Fred Bell of Missouri, Chief commissary of subsistence, with rank of major: First Lieut. Sydney A. Cloman, Messrs. Philip Mothersill, New Mexico, and E. C. Bach, Montana.

Commissioners of subsistence, with rank of captain: Warner Harrison of Ohio, Charles Ellet Cabell of Virginia, Joseph N. Du Barry, Jr., of Pennsylvania, Winslow S. Lincoln of Massachusetts.

Chief surgeon, with rank of major: Frank S. Bourne of Georgia.

Assistant quartermasters, with rank of captain: First Lieut. D. Palmer, George McK. Williamson; Messrs. Thomas Swobe of Nebraska, Robert L. Brown of Ohio, Charles H. Kimball of Ohio, Charles J. Goff of West Virginia, John M. Patten of Iowa and Richard J. Fanning of Ohio.

Assistant paymasters, with rank of captain: First Lieut. William S. Scott; Messrs. Theodorus Botkin of Kansas, Frederick J. Koutz of Ohio.

Additional paymasters: Fred T. Jones of Ohio, George E. Pickett of Virginia, Newton F. Foote of Louisiana, Brewster C. Keen of California, George H. Fay of North Dakota, Edward S. Fowler of New York, William H. Thrift of Iowa, George D. Sherman of Illinois, John H. Townsend of Missouri, Charles H. Smylie of California, John M. Sears of Tennessee, Winfield M. Clark of Pennsylvania, James W. Jones of Nebraska, James H. Hays of Colorado, Otto Becker of Georgia, Louis Knapp of New York, Samuel D. C. Hayes of Colorado, John W. Foster of Kansas, Beverly C. Cramer of Washington.

Signal corps: Elmo Carl Lee of Arkansas, second lieutenant.
Naval: Lieut. Kossuth Niles, lieutenant commander; Lieut. Junior Grade, Frederick L. Chapin, Lieut. David Bell Carr of Virginia and Charles Alexander Crawford of Mississippi, assistant surgeons.

Civil—Registers land officers: Robert A. Babcock, Watertown, N. D.; Joseph T. Bridges, at Roseburg, Oregon.
Receivers: James H. Booth, at Roseburg, Oregon; John Jones, at Marquette, Mich.; Edward A. Slack, at Cheyenne, Wyoming.
Ensigns: Almon L. Loomis, at Fargo, N. D.

It matters little what it is that you want—whether a situation or a servant—a "want" ad in The Star will reach the person who can fill your need.

Royal Blue Serge

Suit to order,

\$10.

Our Royal Blue

Serge is pure wool—

the kind the

sheep furnishes.

Who Does Your Tailoring?

Do they do it correctly?

Do they do it quickly?

Do they charge you heavily?

Perhaps 'tis time you changed your tailor?

The reason we do a successful tailoring business is that satisfaction goes with every garment we sell; satisfaction is a practice, not a theory with us.

One reason why

Our Royal Blue Serge Suit

is having such a tremendous sale is due to the fact that we make this suit after your individual measurement, and it is not yours until you pronounce the fit o. k.—keep that point always in mind. To order,

ten dollars.

Mertz & Mertz,

New Era Tailors,

906 F Street.

Just the suit you

ought to have at

the price you

ought to pay.

Royal Blue Serge

Suit to order,

\$10.

ARREST AROUSES ANGER

Eight Hundred People Assemble at Twelfth Street Police Station.

Officer's Action in Apprehending a Boy Denounced as Unjust—Case in Police Court.

The case of Harry Davis, colored, a fifteen-year-old boy, who was arrested last evening by Policeman C. H. Murphy, on the charge of vagrancy, which was set for this morning in the District branch of the Police Court, was postponed until the 11th instant, and the bond of \$100 given by Mr. E. A. Newman for the boy's appearance today was renewed.

From the statements made in the case it appears that the boy was found at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 14th street northwest, and, as claimed by the officer, was begging. The latter told the boy to go to his home, which is on 9th street near L street, but the boy did not leave the neighborhood, and presently began to twirl a stick around as though exercising the role of a drum major. Officer Murphy then placed the boy under arrest.

There was a large crowd in the vicinity at the time, and the arrest was witnessed by a large number of persons. Instantly a scene of them, among them well-known citizens, said the boy had not committed any wrong, and they demanded that he be set at liberty.

Officer Murphy refused to yield to this demand, and after waiting for some time for the patrol wagon (which he had meanwhile rung for, but which did not come), started with his prisoner toward the 12th street police station. The policeman and his prisoner were followed by a crowd estimated at 800 people, who denounced the arrest as unjust.

Scene at Police Station.

In accordance with the usual custom, the boy was told to stand up before the rail of the station, and was asked to give his name and answer some questions. Instead of doing so he began to cry, and the noise reaching the ears of the multitude, excited the latter to such an extent that at one time it looked as though an attempt would be made to rescue him by force.

Sergeant Moore, who was in charge of the station, found that he would have to try to extricate the boy from the crowd of his unwelcome visitors, and ordered out the reserves, which, after some difficulty, succeeded in making the crowd leave the station. The boy's name was then by request of Officer Murphy, placed on the blotter, and an entry made to indicate that he was charged with vagrancy.

The Officer Denounced.

This again angered the crowd, and one lady, who, among others, had re-entered the station, showed her anger in the officer's face and denounced him violently. Many offers to deposit collateral were made, but all were refused, it being explained by Sergeant Moore that he was powerless under the law to accept any other than a real estate bond. The boy was then locked up, and the crowd left the station and held an indignation meeting near by.

Speeches denunciatory of the action of the officer who made the arrest were made, and Mr. E. A. Newman went to the home of Mr. Joseph Y. Potts, clerk of the Police Court, and secured the boy's recognition on a real estate bond of \$100, and he was then released, but the crowd was still unsatisfied, and conveyed him to his home in a carriage.

About twenty citizens volunteered to give evidence in favor of the boy, but this morning most of them failed to appear at the Police Court.

Down With the English Sparrows.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:
I read with considerable surprise the statement of "Northeast" in reply to "Observer's" statement in The Star, that the sparrows destroyed the cherries.

I know from actual observation that they do it. Close by my window I had a fine cherry tree, from which for some years I gathered a fine crop of cherries, but when the sparrows became numerous our cherries began to disappear. Time and again my wife and I sat at that window and watched the little rascals go from cherry to cherry and bite out a piece, when, of course, the cherry was destroyed. This we did season after season, until finally they became so numerous and persistent that we decided to try to get rid of them.

I did everything possible to drive them away, but in vain. Moreover, it is well known that the sparrow, both in Europe and America, is a voracious and not an insectivorous bird. In fact, it is a great enemy of the farmer, and a bounty is given for their destruction.

In 1889 the Agricultural Department published a volume of over 400 pages, containing the result of its investigations as to the sparrow in all parts of the country. Of 428 replies two only were favorable to the sparrow, five partly favorable and the rest wholly unfavorable to the sparrow.

These answers were from persons who thoroughly investigated the birds and examined the contents of their crops; and while in a few instances they were found to contain some insects, the vast majority of the contents were vegetable, including nearly all kinds of small grain, buds of the cherry, elm, maple and flowering shrubbery of all kinds. From certain replies it was learned that cats, chickens, and in the spring picks of the bad at the top of cabbage plants and so destroy the young plants.

Not only that, but the pugnacious little rascals have driven away nearly all our insectivorous birds and our songsters.

For years now, in my yard, and protected my shrubbery from insects, but after two or three seasons' battling with the sparrows they gave up, and not one bird has been seen in my garden since.

So well is its bad character becoming known that several of the states have passed laws to punish anyone who puts up bird houses for them by a year's imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000, and their law for the preservation of birds expressly provides that it shall not apply to the English sparrow (traster domesticus).

In Ohio they have instituted annual hunts to destroy the pests, and an account of one of these hunts now before me records the destruction of 8,000 sparrows in one day. They are a most intolerable nuisance in every respect; and I am surprised that any intelligent person at this day will pretend anything else.

The man who introduced them with the mistaken idea that they would destroy the caterpillar and similar worms so injurious to our shade and fruit trees, did a great harm to the country, and if living should repent "in sackcloth and ashes."

The law of the District imposes a fine for their destruction or that of their nests. The Commissioners and others ought to unite and get the law repealed; and on the contrary I would be glad to see a bounty offered for their destruction, for they are an unmitigated nuisance, and, like the Spaniard, have not a single redeeming trait, not even a single redeeming trait.

W. D. DODGE.

Fishing Trip.

Mr. Richard Johnson has returned from a fishing trip in the Chesapeake bay. The catch of blue fish was especially good, and some of the fish that were caught say nothing of those that were merely hooked, weighed as much as thirty pounds.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

The Bill to Remove All Political Disabilities.

Yesterday's session of the House was given to the consideration and passage of a bill to remove all political disabilities incurred by the third section of the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution. The passage of the bill considered by the House will affect but few persons, since the general acts passed in President Grant's administration and many special relief bills have removed all disabilities, with the exception of those in a few cases.

Mr. Settle, after The Star's report closed, reviewed the growth of fraternal feeling between the sections following the war, when neither loved the other, until the present, when a united country confronted the enemy.

"Her sons," referring to the south, "at the end of the civil war, laid down their arms in good faith upon the altar of their country, and in the same spirit they now take their step to the music of the Union. I do not believe the American people were ever so united as they are today." Continuing, he said the American people would free not only Cuba, but would free themselves, and out of the ruins of the old and the new shall come forth, I doubt not, new men and new women, clean, brave, white, with sectional hatred and sectional bitterness clean gone forever. That was a confirmation devoutly to be wished."

When Mr. Settle concluded several minutes elapsed before order was restored. Members from all quarters of the chamber crowded to the Kentucky member's seat and congratulated him on his speech. The hall was filled with the hum of voices in complimentary comment.

Mr. Parker (N. Y.) argued for the bill and supported the construction of the Constitution as advocated by Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Bailey affecting the present attitude of the southern states.

Mr. Lewis (Wash.) read from a morning paper a purported interview with Mr. Overstreet (Ind.), in which he was quoted as referring to the southern states as being indifferent to the war, after having insisted, through their representatives, upon precipitating it, and to the failure of some of the states to do their duty as an intimation of indifference and disloyalty.

Mr. Lewis denounced the sentiment as unwarranted. Mr. Steele (Ind.) called attention to the absence of his colleague, but Mr. Lewis disavowed any purpose to attack anything but the sentiment and the action.

Mr. Gaines (Tenn.) interrupted to declare that "no patriot would father such an interview." Representative Henderson (Iowa) advocated the passage of the bill. He thought the time propitious for it to be acted upon, and he hoped that the vote might be unanimous.

Mr. Fleming (Ga.) was proceeding to discuss the Overstreet interview and had proceeded to utter a few words when he was called to order as not speaking to the bill.

In the course of a brief speech supporting the bill, Mr. Linney (Ct.) paid a tribute to the late Ensign Walter Bagley, who died at Cardenas, "as none but the noblest heroes die."

Messrs. Simpson (Kan.) and Broderick (Kan.) supported the bill. Mr. Cannon (Ill.) also spoke for the bill, and it was then passed unanimously.

CASH IN THE TREASURY.

Increase of the Public Debt Owing to Expenditures.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business May 31 the public debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,037,773,700, an increase over last month of \$19,341,108. This increase is due to expenditures on account of the war. The debt is recapitulated as follows:

Interest-bearing debt, \$847,467,410; debt on which interest has ceased to accrue, \$1,024,850; debt bearing no interest, \$284,816,315; total, \$1,232,323,575. This, however, does not include \$563,799,033 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury.

The cash in the treasury is classified as follows: \$297,241,232 in gold; \$1,014,000 in 633 paper, \$2,489,507; bonds, deposits in national banks, disbursing officers' balances, etc., \$20,677,088; total, \$281,070,369, against which there are \$281,070,369 in outstanding amounts to \$281,315,544, leaving a net cash balance in the treasury of \$195,754,815.

ASKING FOR REPEAL.

Citizens' Association Central Committee Petition for Repeal of the Act of 1863.

The following petition has been forwarded to the Senate by the central committee of the Citizens' Association, praying for the repeal of the highway extension act:

"The land included in streets and avenues, by the maps left on record under the proposed partial repeal of the act of 1863, is practically controlled for public purposes and is so noted on abstracts of title. This would not be injurious, however remote in the future, if the city may be so much of the land involved, save for two reasons. The amount of the land taken for streets and avenues and reservations is an enormous amount, and the suburban towns, the highways, streets and reservations on the maps being placed upon a national, and not a local basis, the street frontage of 194 feet wide to 100 feet of width, with none less than ninety feet, with additional land demanded for extensive reservations. The change in the act completely by the Senate committee practically means that an owner shall not subdivide unless he gives nearly twice as much land for streets and reservations as would be required on a business basis, and the land thus demanded is indicated in many cases without regard to topography or the unavailability of the land."

"These heavy exactions on a national basis from those who may hereafter subdivide are not compensated for in any particular. The Senate committee's report strikes out all provisions for clearing up the irregular subdivisions now lying before the city. The hardships of the act of 1863 are left, while the one benefit it promised to the unsubdivided districts is taken away. They are left without an urban belt, and the load of a national subdivision, too great to be assumed by the nation and the municipal government together, is calmly placed upon the shoulders of the suburban farm and lot owner."

"Much property is made unavailable by the maps which the Senate committee proposes to have of record. The report implies that this happens only from condemnation proceedings, and so proposes to repeal that part of the act of 1863."

Colored Regiment of Immunes.

The patriotism of the colored men will be shown next week by the completion of the 1st United States Colored Volunteer Regiment for service in the war of the United States against Spain, with K. D. Ruffin as colonel. The regiment will turn out on the streets in full force. They have now established recruiting offices on H and 14th streets northeast, 3d and C streets southwest, and on R between 11th and 12th streets northwest. Their headquarters and armory will be in Green's Hall on Pennsylvania avenue between 14th and 15th streets northwest. The hall will be ready for occupancy by the regiment next week. All vacancies in the regiment will be filled Saturday night. This is an immune regiment, which is expected to be sworn in as soon as organized, and will be commanded chiefly by colored officers.

Arrangements have been made for a meeting at the Samaritan Hall, on I street between 21st and 22d streets, tomorrow night, at which time Dr. C. B. Purvis, L. Saunders, Lawyer E. L. Giles and others, including members of Congress, will be present to make addresses. Col. Ruffin is doing all within his reach to have his regiment complete and ready for service next week.

AFFAIRS IN ALEXANDRIA

Inquiry Made at Cemetery Concerning Tomb of Stranger Buried in 1816.

Mystery in Connection With the Case to Be Explained—General and Personal News.

Evening Star Bureau,
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Sunday last a lady and gentleman visited St. Paul's cemetery, where the "female stranger's" remains are interred, and inquired of Superintendent Emanuel Webb in regard to the tomb. The lady stated that the "stranger" was a connection of hers, and that she was the wife of a British officer, who had married her in opposition to the wishes of his family. The officer and his wife never returned to England, but he left Alexandria after the burial of his wife and went to France. The lady informed Superintendent Webb that in the near future she would return to Alexandria and impart to him a history of the incident.

The "stranger" having been buried since 1816, she said, it should not be concealed any longer. An interesting story is expected when it is told.

Marriages Celebrated.

Mr. Joseph M. Ager of Washington and Miss Charlotte A. McCann of this city were married last night at St. Mary's parsonage at 8 o'clock by Rev. Father Cutler. A large number of friends of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. Charles Birke and Miss Josephine Bohmmer, both of Washington, were married at St. Mary's parsonage last night at 8 o'clock. The brother of the groom, Mr. Bert Birke, acted as best man, and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss J. Bohmmer. After the marriage the happy couple took the 6:25 train for Washington, where they will reside.

Mayor's Court.

Mayor George L. Simpson this morning disposed of the following cases in the police court: Wm. Jackson, Edgar Lewis and John Smoot; charged with disorderly conduct and fighting; Jackson and Lewis dismissed, and Smoot fined \$5. Annie Brantmann and Sadie Bush; charged with being disorderly and fighting; fined \$2.50 each. Eva Chase; charged with being disorderly and fighting; fined \$5.

Funeral of Mr. Peyton.

The funeral of the late Conrad Peyton took place from his mother's residence yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. J. T. Williams, assisted by Rev. Clarence Ball. The interment was in Union cemetery. The pallbearers were: Messrs. K. Kemper, Jr., William Wilkins, Richard Gibson, Frank Beckham, Milton Watkins and J. B. Gadsby.

Lead Pipe Thieves.

Mr. Hugh Strider, who keeps a second-hand store under the old City Hotel, yesterday entered his cellar and discovered that some one had stolen about \$25 worth of lead pipe. He at once reported the same to Officer Banner Young. So far the police have been unable to locate either the thief or the pipe.

Leg Broken.

John, alias Nubby, Henderson was driving a fish wagon near the Southern depot yesterday evening, when his horse took fright and ran away, throwing Henderson out and breaking his leg. Later he was taken to the Alexandria Infirmary, where the broken bone was given proper attention.

General and Personal.

Mr. Frank Power is quite sick at his home in West End.
Mr. Milton Watkins is ill at his residence in West End.
Rev. Father Cutler has returned from Richmond.

There was a slight fire at Mr. Wm. Desautel's residence, on North Pitt street, this morning.

A carriage broke down on North Fairfax street this morning, and two ladies who were occupants narrowly escaped being hurt.

Reports come to police headquarters nearly every day of petty thievery in and about the city.

Miss Mary Miller of this city is visiting in Charlottesville.

Lloyd Stimpson, charged with promoting policy in Alexandria county, was committed to jail this morning to await trial, which will take place Saturday morning before Justice Sellers.

Personal Bonds Accepted.

"Not guilty" was the plea of Belle Lewis, colored, when arraigned in Judge Scott's court this morning on a charge of profanity on the Piney Branch road.

"This woman was put off a Brightwood car last night," said Policeman Mitchell, "and she was so disorderly that I arrested her. Belle is a hard-working woman, but yesterday she had business in the city, and she drank too much."

"Then you think a reprimand will be sufficient?"
"Yes, sir."
"What's the trouble?" Judge Scott asked the woman.

"I came to the city yesterday to get a pair of shoes," she said, "and on my way home I asked the conductor to put me off at Piney Branch road."

"Had you been drinking?"
"No, sir," the woman answered; and she endeavored to tell the difference between taking a little beer and drinking.

"I'll go out to my service place and stay there," she said.

Remembering the Dead.

As has been customary, the Knights of No. 134 Union, Knights of St. John, will this year decorate the graves of their dead at the different cemeteries. The following committee for the purpose has been appointed: A. J. Ronspies, John F. Connor, William Harnedy and D. S. Sheahan. The graves in Congressional and Holy Rood cemeteries will be decorated Saturday, June 4, and at Mount Olivet at 3:30 p.m., June 5, Sunday.

Amicably Adjusted.

The District Commissioners have been informed that the controversy between Mrs. Frank Wright and Mr. G. A. Hundley over the location by the latter of a wood and coal yard near Mrs. Wright's property in Pleasant street, amicably adjusted by the parties in interest.



Regular Stock Almost at Remnant Prices

At Hahn & Co.'s
3 Shoe Stores.

Too busy this week to call out "remnants" for our regular Friday sale of odds and ends, on account of our "22d Anniversary Sale." Instead of "remnants" we shall offer the greatest shoe bargains of our 22 years' career in fresh up-to-date shoes in all styles and all sizes. Of course we cannot say we shall have all sizes all the day long, so get in as early in the forenoon as possible.

\$1 Oxfords for 68c.

A lucky purchase of 2,500 pairs of usual dollar Oxfords under price enables us to offer the greatest bargain of the season. These are in excellent styles and shapes, splendid wearers, and shown in Chocolate and Black, in all sizes from 24 to 8. Choice of lot.

Men's Boys' and Children's First Quality Tennis Oxfords and Laced Shoes, black, brown and tan, with rubber inner sole and rubber midsole or corseted outer sole. 44c.
Friday's price.... 92c.

Ladies' and Misses' Black and Tan Kid Boots, laced, with rubber inner sole and rubber midsole or corseted outer sole. \$1.22
Friday's price.... \$1.88

Men's Comfortable Black Kid Oxfords, plain, with rubber inner sole and rubber midsole or corseted outer sole. 44c.
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